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some enlightenment. I think one of them was in the area of education. The Bar Association makes available continued education for attorneys. Probably if anything they don't go far enough in mandating it. It probably should be more of a forced situation where attorneys are constantly brought current on new theories. I hesitated to bring it up because I felt that personalities would be involved in this thing, that there would be a tax on personalities. This is unfortunate because, as it has been mentioned many times before this morning, personalities have nothing to do with this bill. I do, however, feel that the Bar helps the court in disciplining its members. It doesn't discipline the members but it does help the court in gathering information in disciplining its members. This is an important function. If the Bar doesn't do it somebody's going to have to do it. Most of the testimony this morning has been tearing down the Bar. I've heard nothing positive in offering a positive concrete solution or situation that would replace the Bar. It's easy to tear things down. It's easy to be negative on things, but to come up with a positive recommendation as to how we should do it becomes a little more difficult. It appears, I think now, that I'll switch and support Senator Warner's motion to indefinitely postpone this bill because it appears that we're getting into an area where we're just tearing down for the sake of tearing down an established situation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, please forgive me my second two or three minutes on this subject, but it is an extremely important one. First of all remember that this is a constitutional amendment. we will be recommending to the people of the State of Nebraska that they do away with the integrated Bar. To be sure that we understand the integrated Bar, the Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska demands and orders membership in the Nebraska Bar Association at the time the license is granted to practice law in Nebraska. The Bar is the regulating agency set up by the Supreme Court to enforce the ethics of the legal profession. The Bar must accept that person that the Supreme Court says is going to be a lawyer. The Bar has no choice in this at all. They are automatically members, they're automatically ordered to join, they're automatically ordered to pay their dues. Should, at a later date, this character that Murphy was talking about shows up that shouldn't have been a member of the Bar, it would be the Bar's duty to the people of Nebraska and their own profession to recommend expulsion or discipline of this member to the Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska. The Supreme Court will make the decision, not the Bar Association. The Bar Association doesn't have anything to do with that. They are merely the vehicle through which moves these com-plaints to the Supreme Court at the request of the Supreme Court. If you do away with the Bar Association, this function, the function must be done, it must be done some way. Are you going to do it in the Governor's office? Are you going to do it on the floor of this Legislature? It's going to be done some place. Now before I close I just want to point out that in my opinion, as a businessman, the biggest public relation problem that the law of the problem that the law of the law gest public relation problem that the law profession has is that people hire lawyers and they think they are buying success. They're buying nothing more than an opinion.